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19 December 1961

MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Project [REDACTED]

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1. During the period 5-7 December, I attended the [REDACTED] demonstration of Phase I accomplishments on OSI's Project [REDACTED]. This project (funded at \$140,000 for four months) was designed to test certain untried information retrieval principles in direct support of OSI analysts in the Test Ranges Branch. 25X1A5a1

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2. We have given close technical support to OSI--and to their contractor [REDACTED]--first as the DD/I Automation Staff and later as CIA ADP Staff.

3. The technical demonstrations were an overwhelming success. DD/I representatives who attended the sessions found it an excellent learning experience and were visibly impressed by what they saw.

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4. One event marred the proceedings and this came in the last two hours when [REDACTED] took over from the professionals and attempted to do a hard-sell, sign-right-now, high-pressure job of getting a follow-on contract costing \$500,000 more than originally conceived.

5. It soon became obvious that, aside from operational considerations, the realities of the financial situation in the DD/I for FY 62 and FY 63 could not support both a full-scale [REDACTED] follow-on and the DD/I computer development program that you and Bob recently initiated. 25X1A2g

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6. In consequence, [REDACTED] and I, Von, and others met with Bob last Friday to brief him on technical and program implications and to obtain his views on next steps. Informal conclusions reached during this meeting were:

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- a. that [REDACTED] Phase I was successful, serving as an excellent model of untried analytical computer techniques in support of Test Ranges Branch, OSI;
 - b. that, for budgetary and certain conceptual reasons, however, any effort to establish an operational [REDACTED] for Test Ranges Branch be postponed; 25X1A2g

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- c. that the DD/I computing program be developed on an integrated basis and shaped within the context of the charge now placed upon the ADP Staff by Agency management;

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- d. that, in view of Dr. [REDACTED]'s [REDACTED] (subject leader) astute grasp of the analysts' [REDACTED] [REDACTED] given strong consideration in the selecting of a contractor to work with the ADP Staff in developing part or all of the computing program for the DD/I;

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- e. that the ADP Staff draft, for approval within the DD/I, an outlined work plan for the DD/I program which will delineate the major facets of the program and will specify the role of the contractor(s) in participating in the conduct of the program.

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7. If Pete and the other ADs concerned concur in the outline of the work plan and use of contractor support which I am now preparing, Bob is willing to buy the scheme.

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8. In view of the strong [REDACTED] sales pitch, and the emptiness of their building at [REDACTED], I am separately asking OL to provide me with an evaluation of [REDACTED] contractual performance, history of management relationships to CIA, and current financial status.

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9. Attached for your information is the paper prepared by the ADP Staff prior to the business session held in Bob's office.

[REDACTED]
Chief, CIA Automatic Data Processing Staff

Attachment:
ADPS Paper

Joe:

I have read all of this with interest and it sounds right to me. I would like an oral fill-in sometime soon to enable me to understand it better.

/s/ LKW

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Orig. & 1 - DD/S - Orig ret to C/CIA ADP Staff with above note.
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